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(U) San Jose – 31 Vulnerabilities Patched
(U) Adobe patched 31 vulnerabilities across nine different product lines yesterday morning, including a zero-day vulnerability in Flash Player the company claims is being used in targeted attacks against Internet Explorer users on Windows. That vulnerability is one of 16 bugs in Flash that could lead to code execution if exploited. It's the second time Adobe has patched a Flash zero-day under attack this fall. In October the company released an emergency update to address a vulnerability uncovered by members of Google's Threat Analysis Group that attackers were leveraging against Windows 7, 8.1 and 10 users. SOURCE: 13 December 2016, Threat Post

(U) San Diego – Two Men Sentenced for Laundering Drug Money for Sinaloa Cartel
(U) A 32-year-old man was sentenced in San Diego this week to more than 11 years in federal prison for conspiring to launder $20 million in drug money for a Mexican cartel. Joel Acedo-Ojeda of Culiacan, Mexico, pleaded guilty to the charge in June 2016 and was sentenced Monday in US District Court. When entering his guilty plea, he admitted his role in smuggling US currency. As a result of the investigation, authorities seized more than $5 million in US currency and several hundred pounds of cocaine and methamphetamine. SOURCE: 13 December 2016, San Diego Union-Tribune

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona –Border Patrol Agents Seize More Than a Ton of Drugs
(U) Yuma – Area Border Patrol agents arrested five individuals and seized cocaine, methamphetamine, almost 2,000 pounds of marijuana, and multiple vehicles during separate weekend incidents. One of the seizures occurred after a canine team alerted to a vehicle at the Border Patrol immigration checkpoint on Highway 95. Officers seized the drugs and vehicles used in the incidents, and turned over all subjects to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. SOURCE: 12 December 2016, Pinal Central

(U) Georgia – Peachtree Orthopedics' Data Breach Put Half a Million People at Risk
(U) Atlanta – An investigation has uncovered just how big the data breach was this past fall at a local health clinic. In October 2016, Peachtree Orthopedics announced its computer system had been hacked in five counties. The investigation revealed that the cyberattack put 531,000 people at risk of identity theft. It is the largest medical-data hack in Georgia so far this year and it ranks sixth in the country for the number of people put at risk. Victims of the breach include current members of the Atlanta Hawks, former Braves players and government workers, including FBI agents. Medical records are valuable on the dark web and experts say while Social Security numbers go for pennies a piece, medical records can cost $5 each. SOURCE: 13 December 2016, WSB-TV

(U) Washington – Number of Mumps Cases in King County Rises Again
(U) Seattle – The number of mumps cases in King County rose yet again yesterday. King County Public

Health said there are now 63 cases, up from 58 a day earlier. The number reflects 12 confirmed cases and 51 probable, with 44 of the patients aged 17 or younger. Mumps is at a 10-year high in the US, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The latest tally as of 5 November is 2,879 cases in 45 states and the District of Columbia. Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus spread through saliva and mucus. The CDC recommends that children get two doses of the MMR vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps, and rubella, but it is not 100% effective.
SOURCE: 13 December 2016, Q13 Fox

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – State of Emergency Extended
(U) Paris – France's parliament voted today to extend a national state of emergency until 15 July 2017. The security measures, in force since attacks in Paris that killed 130 people in November 2015, are expected to be approved by the Senate. It is the fifth extension of the state of emergency, which gives police extended powers of search and arrest. Ahead of the vote new Interior Minister Bruno Le Roux stressed that France faced "an extremely high" risk of an attack. With numerous public meetings and campaign rallies expected in the coming months, Le Roux said "the intense electoral period we are entering increases the risk of further acts", echoing weekend comments by his predecessor. The extension would also allow a new president to assess security and prolong the state of emergency if necessary.
SOURCE: 13 December 2016, Associated Foreign Press

(U) Ukraine – Defense Ministry Says Website Hit By Cyber Attack
(U) Kiev – Ukraine's defense ministry said yesterday its website was down due to cyber-attacks that appeared aimed at disrupting it giving updates on the pro-Russian separatist conflict in eastern regions. The website was regularly targeted by denial-of-service attacks, but not all managed to affect its operations. Ukraine's Finance Ministry and State Treasury websites were attacked last week, with the Finance Ministry blaming hackers seeking to discredit the government's reform drive. At the end of 2015, Ukraine's State Security Service said Russia was responsible for a cyber-attack on its power grid that left part of western Ukraine temporarily without electricity.
SOURCE: 13 December 2016, Reuters

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Teen Held after $1.1M Marijuana Bust
(U) Los Indios - Law officers in South Texas have apprehended a 15-year-old Mexican boy accused of driving a vehicle hauling more than a half-ton of smuggled marijuana. A Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector Chief says the bust, involving drugs with an estimated street value of $1.1 million, shows how transnational criminal organizations exploit youth. A US Customs and Border Protection statement Monday announced the 8 December seizure of 1,380 pounds of marijuana. Agents patrolling near the Rio Grande in Los Indios saw several people loading bundles of marijuana into a vehicle. Agents followed and stopped the vehicle, leading to the driver — a Mexican teen — being caught and turned over to police.
SOURCE: 13 December 2016, Brownsville Herald

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